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From: Matt McNeal

Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 11:59 AM **To:** Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org> **Subject:** Ketchum Transportation Plan Comment

Hello, I would like to make a comment on the Transportation Plan currently in review.

There is a plan to add a separated bike path/multi use path along highway 75 from 9th Street to Saddle Road, which is excellent. Project A7

I am curious why there is not a similar plan on the south side of town. As currently configured, the Wood River Trail (bike path) dead ends at the Serenade Lane/Main Street Hwy 75 Intersection with no other pedestrian or bike infrastructure. Bike/Ped infrastructure is sorely needed to connect the Wood River Trail along Main Street between Serenade Lane and River Street.

The current plan also calls for installing Sharrow Bike markings along Gem Street from Hwy 75/Main Street to Leadville and on Leadville Ave from Gem to 6th Street (project A3). This is also excellent but it creates the same situation of leading cyclists and pedestrians along a safe/shared route and dumping them onto the highway where there are currently NO pedestrian or bike pathways or infrastructure.

Ketchum needs to add the section of Main Street/Hwy 75 between Serenade Lane and River Street to the list of projects for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements. The excuse that is Idaho Transportation Department's responsibility looks less valid when Ketchum is planning to install a pathway along highway 75 on the north side of town.

The city should at least consider adding crosswalks to this stretch of road immediately to try and connect the disjointed sidewalks that do exist there while waiting for ITD to start a possible future road improvement project.

Thank you for the time, Matt McNeal Topaz Street